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RE: FOIA-2013-00301
PDD Weekly Activity Report

Dear Mr. Morisy:

This letter is the first interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) dated February 1, 2013, in which you requested a copy of each OPPD PDD Weekly Activity Report from January 1, 2012 to July 15, 2013.

In responding to a FOIA request, the Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) search will include responsive records in its control on the date the search began.

Your request is granted at no cost to you. We have located 265 pages that are responsive to your request. After a thorough review, we have determined that portions of the documents are exempt from disclosure under (b)(6) and (b)(7)(c) of the FOIA of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. We are releasing a total of 265 pages: 33 pages are released in part and 232 pages in their entirety. Enclosed on a CD are the releasable portions of the responsive records.

FOIA Exemption 6 protects information that would constitute an unwarranted invasion of an individual's personal privacy. The types of information withheld under Exemption 6 include the names, addresses, or cell phone numbers of employees of Establishments and third parties, including, but not limited to interviewees or customers.

Under Exemption 7(C), we have withheld the names of individuals in their capacity handling investigative or regulatory activities. Public identification of such enforcement personnel could subject them and their families to undue harassment and annoyance while conducting their official duties or in their private lives.

FSIS will continue to process records responsive to your request, and will forward them promptly upon completion of review. As this is not a final response to your FOIA request, we request that you reserve your right to appeal. We will include your appeal rights in our final release.

Sincerely,



for Leilani B. Hannie
Director, FOIA Office
Freedom of Information Act Staff

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